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SUBJECT: LONG BOTTA, EXGKR MINISTER EVACUATED BY US, WISHES TO
SETTLE IN CANADA OR USA

CAMBODIA-B NO. H27

1. MORNING OF APRIL 15, LONG BOTTA, EX-GKR MINISTER OF
CULTURE
WHO WAS EVACUATED WITH US ON APRIL 12, CALLED ON
MRS. GLORIA COLLINS, WIFE OF FSO PETER COLLINS, WHO IS A
PERSONAL FRIEND. THE PURPOSE
OF HIS CALL WAS TO FIND OUT WHAT
THE POSSIBILITIES WERE FOR IMMIGRATION TO CANADA OR THE UNITED
STATES FOR HIM AND HIS FAMILY. REALIZING THAT HE HAD PRE-
VIOUSLY TOLD EMBASSY PHNOM PENH OFFICIALS HERE
IN BANGKOK
THAT ALL HE NEEDED WAS AIR TICKETS TO FRANCE, HE STRESSED
THAT NOW, HAVING HAD MORE TIME TO REFLECT ON HIS OWN
PERSONAL STATE OF AFFAIRS, HE BELIEVES EMPLOYMENT OPPOR-
TUNITIES IN FRANCE MIGHT BE DIFFICULT, SINCE MOST CAM-
BODIAN REFUGEES WILL WANT TO IMMIGRATE THERE. HE HOPES
FOR EMPLOYMENT AS A LABORATORY ASSISTANT OR TEACHER IN
THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR PHYSICS.

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2. LONG BOTTA IS FRENCH-EDUCATED AND HAS COMPLETED MOST OF HIS DOCTORAL STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOULOUSE. HIS ENGLISH IS VERY GOOD.

3. MRS. COLLINS SAID ALL SHE COULD DO AT THIS POINT WOULD BE TO PASS THE INFORMATION ON TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS FOR CONSIDERATION AND THAT SHE WOULD CONTACT HIM WHEN A DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED. SINCE HIS FINANCIAL SITUATION AT THE MOMENT IS NOT VERY GOOD (HE BROUGHT ONLY \$400 WITH HIM WHEN HE LEFT CAMBODIA) HE SAID HE WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF ANYTHING WHICH COULD BE DONE IN HIS BEHALF.

4. FROM ANOTHER SOURCE WE HAVE HEARD THAT LONG BOTTA FEELS HE WAS DUPED INTO LEAVING CAMBODIA, HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT THE REST OF THE CABINET WAS NOT ALSO LEAVING, AND HIS REAL PREFERENCE IS TO RETURN TO PHNOM PENH.

5. FOREIGN MINISTER KEUKY LIM TOLD AMBASSADOR DEAN ON APRIL 15 THAT LONG BOTTA HAS BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE GKR AND THEREFORE CAN NOT RETURN TO CAMBODIA. HE SAID LONG BOTTA IS LOOKING FOR SOME OTHER COUNTRY TO SETTLE IN.
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